



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2625

Application No.: 10/647,207

Examiner: M. GETANEH

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For: IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the April 3, 2009 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3, 5 and 7-10 are pending in this application.

Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 7-10 are allowed.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons discussed below.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3 and 5 on the ground of nonstatutory obvious-type double patenting over claims 3, 5 and 7 of U.S. Patent No. 7,474,427 to Watanabe in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,827,279 to Teraura. The attached Terminal Disclaimer obviates the rejection.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection are respectfully requested.